

Good progress is being made in cotton picking throughout the state, and the buyers are now forced to remain strictly on duty till late in the evening of each day, as the cotton is rolling in more briskly day by day. The quality is fine and every indication now is that the yield in the state will far exceed that of either of the two preceding years. In some localities some damage has been done by rust, and the late rains, but the average is very encouraging.

Will the time ever come on earth when the spirit of brotherly love will prevail? When everything that lives and moves will have its rights respected? When it will not be a question of the survival of the fittest, the strong over the weak? When we shall not live by the taking of life, and pass on, disregarding the pain we leave strewn all along life's pathway? Do you ever sit down and think about such matters? If you are not too busy murdering, it will pay you to do so.

Some are figuring that the ejection of the families of the striking miners from the houses they occupy on the operators' grounds will bring the miners to time and end the strike. Such predictions do not come from men acquainted with the average miner. In the first place the majority of the miners who lead in strikes are unmarried, and many who have families are of a class who care so little for their families that they will use money contributed to them when on a strike to buy whiskey and beer and let their loved ones starve. The miner in bulk is a born striker, a foreign product who comes to this country, or has been imported in by the great mine operators to take the place of American workmen, and treating with him, when his walking delegates are not in favor of his yielding, is like trying to drive a drove of sheep into a pen at the entrance of which a fierce bull dog stands showing his teeth.

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The declaration that the South has no material developed adequate to a position at the head of the national ticket is all bosh. Hundreds of men in any of the fifteen Southern States are as capable, as worthy and in every way as well equipped to preside over the destinies of this nation as has been any man in the presidential chair for fifty years.

The tendency in this state is to cut up the large plantations in many localities into small farms and turn from the cultivation of one crop along to a diversified line of products, and there is no doubt but this means that we are pushing toward a greater era of prosperity and more rapidly producing of wealth. The small farm well looked after will yield much greater than does the immense plantations half neglected.

One of the latest trusts to be organized is that of the agricultural implement trust, and the near future promises striking advances in the prices of everything the farmer uses in the production and gathering of his crop. The cotton raiser is about the only tiller of the soil that cannot be affected by this combine. A mule, rope harness and an old shovel plow is all he needs in his business, and the trust can't touch him, nor get a string on his old mule.

The jury before which Whit Owens, the father-in-law of Will Mathis, who was tried for the murder of the Montgomery's near Oxford last fall, handed in a verdict in the circuit court at Holly Springs, Tuesday at five o'clock, of guilty, as charged in the indictment, but recommended him to the mercy of the court in passing sentence upon him. This verdict leaves the court with only the prerogative of passing life sentence upon the prisoner, though the jury wished that he be given not a life sentence, but be sent to the penitentiary merely for a term of years.

The question of the division of the school fund in Mississippi and apportion it among the races in proportion to the taxes paid by each, is bringing forward a strong discussion on both sides of the question. As might have been expected, that class of politicians who are always seeking to hold favor by standing by any existing condition on the ground that the people are slow to change, are trying to frown down the idea that such a change in our educational laws can be accomplished,



but there is no question but that if the matter is brought down to a face to face decision the masses in the state will sustain the proposition to separate the funds and put an end to robbing the white children for the purpose of forcing education upon a race which cannot be expected to use it for the betterment of themselves or the age.

The growth of Okolona from this day henceforth is simply a matter of unity of action on the part of our people. Without any particular effort, and despite the fact that the present year has been anything but encouraging, and following upon two years of short crops in the section immediately surrounding us, the city has steadily grown, and the improvements made have been of a class that assures the stability and certainty of a bright future. All over the city the sound of the hammer and saw is heard and bright new improvements ornament almost every block.

The proposition of the colored people of Okolona, to establish an industrial school in this city, for the education of the young of their race, along the lines they expect to follow, is not only a wise but a practical one provided the school can be placed in the hands of those who will give it honest attention and efficient management. One of the greatest drawbacks to the South today is the inefficiency of the labor and this can be greatly improved by a careful education along such lines. Carelessness and indifference to how a thing is done is one of the characteristics of the colored race, perhaps made so by the lack of attention shown by those who employ it, and the sooner the brighter representatives of the race put forth every endeavor to qualify their people to do good work and inspire them to enthusiastic desire to become more proficient the better it will be for them, for the public generally and for this great section of country which must depend upon them as the toilers.

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